Further consultations would be held with the State Governments and sharing of gains under the scheme will be considered with those States which agree to adopt the scheme.

Maize procurement in Karnataka

1214. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of maize procured and stored so far in various godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India has paid the farmers for procurement of maize;

(c) if so, the amount so far paid to the farmers;

(d) whether the State Government has requested to lift the maize stored in various godowns as it was not advisable to store it for long; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to lift the stock of maize stored in godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) As on 31.3.2001, a quantity of 3.79 lakh MTs of maize was procured in Karnataka by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Karnataka State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation (KFCSC), a sub-agent of FCI.

(b) Yes, Sir. The FCI has made full payments to the farmers to the extent of procurement made by FCI. The FCI has also made payment for the stocks procured and passed on the Karnataka State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation to FCI upto 28.2.2001.

(c) A total amount of Rs. 109.07 crores has been paid to the farmers. Out of this, Rs. 56.42 crores has been paid by FCI and Rs. 52.65 crores has been paid by KFCSC.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Entire stocks have been sold to the willing

buyers including some Government agencies under Open Market Sale Scheme and lifting is in progress.

Lifting of foodgrains by Rajasthan

1215. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lifting of sanctioned foodgrains by Rajasthan has been maximum under the "Food for Work Programme" among all other drought hit States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* other drought hit States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the allocation of foodgrains made free of cost for "Food for Work" programme to the drought affected States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan alongwith the quantities lifted by the State is enclosed.

Statement

Allotment and offtake of rice and wheat under food for work in drought affected areas.

Lifting as on 26.7.2001

Free of cost (Figures in Tonnes)

STATE	ALLOTMENT				OFFTAKE (Provisional)			
	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Total	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Total
Chhattisgarh	207000	298507	0	505507	207000	298507	0	505507
Gujarat	31590	0	116515	148105	19185	0	69621	88806
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	0	11549	7286	0	0	7286
Maharashtra	10000	0	40000	50000	5110	0	14368	19478